AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5 and 14.

Please amend claims 1-4 and 6 as follows:

1. (currently amended) ~~The use of~~ A process for producing a taste-masked oral dosage form comprising producing active ingredient-containing shaped articles, coating the shaped articles with a film coating consisting of

    a) polyvinyl acetate

    b) hydrophilic additives

    c) 0 to 20% other conventional coating ingredients

    d) and 0 to 30% of ~~, where appropriate,~~ a physiologically tolerated acid,

and compressing the coated shaped articles with conventional tablet excipients ~~as taste-masking coating for oral dosage forms~~.

2. (currently amended) The process ~~use of a film coating~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic additives are selected from the group of film-forming water-soluble polymers and/or from the group of water-insoluble but swelling polymers and/or from the group of very fine-particle dusting agents.

3. (currently amended) The process ~~use of a film coating~~ as claimed in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the film-forming water-soluble polymers are selected from the group consisting of poly(vinyllactams), vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetate copolymers,

polyvinyl alcohols and ~~or~~ cellulose derivatives, the ~~as~~ water-insoluble but highly swelling polymers are selected from the group consisting of crosslinked poly(vinyllactams), cellulose or cellulose derivatives and ~~or~~ starch derivatives and the ~~as~~ fine-particle dusting agents are selected from the group consisting of highly disperse silicas, fine-particle starches, fine-particle celluloses and ~~or~~ fine-particle salts of phosphoric acid.

4. (currently amended) The process ~~use of a film coating~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of polyvinyl acetate to hydrophilic additives is between 1:0.1 and 1:0.75 ~~ratio by weight amounts to~~

~~a) 50 to 90% polyvinyl acetate~~

~~b) 10 to 75% hydrophilic additives~~

~~c) 0 to 20% other conventional coating ingredients~~

~~d) and, where appropriate, 0 to 30% of a physiologically tolerated acid~~.

6. (currently amended) The process ~~use of a film coating~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the taste-masking coating comprises 5 to 25% by weight based on the total weight of the coated shaped articles.

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1. (currently amended) A process for producing a taste-masked oral dosage form comprising producing active ingredient-containing shaped articles, coating the shaped articles with a film coating consisting of
   a) polyvinyl acetate
   b) hydrophilic additives
   c) 0 to 20% other conventional coating ingredients
   d) and 0 to 30% of a physiologically tolerated acid,

   and compressing the coated shaped articles with conventional tablet excipients.

2. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic additives are selected from the group of film-forming water-soluble polymers and/or from the group of water-insoluble but swelling polymers and/or from the group of very fine-particle dusting agents.

3. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the film-forming water-soluble polymers are selected from the group consisting of poly(vinyllactams), vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetate copolymers, polyvinyl alcohols and ~~or~~ cellulose derivatives, the water-insoluble but highly swelling polymers are selected from the group consisting of crosslinked poly(vinyllactams), cellulose or cellulose derivatives and starch derivatives and the fine-particle dusting agents are selected from the group consisting of highly disperse silicas, fine-particle starches, fine-particle celluloses and fine-particle salts of phosphoric acid.

4. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of polyvinyl acetate to hydrophilic additives is between 1:0.1 and 1:0.75.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the taste-masking coating comprises 5 to 25% by weight based on the total weight of the coated shaped articles.

7. (previously amended) An oral dosage form preparation comprising shaped articles with an active ingredient-containing core and a taste-masking coating consisting of
   a) polyvinyl acetate
   b) hydrophilic additives
   c) other conventional coating ingredients
   d) and, where appropriate, a physiologically tolerated acid or base.

8. (previously amended) An oral dosage form preparation as claimed in claim 7,

which comprises the following substances based on the weight of the core
a) 30 to 98% active ingredient
b) 2 to 70% binder
c) 0.1 to 5.0% emulsifier and, where appropriate,
d) 2 to 30% disintegrant
e) and, where appropriate, 0 to 20% of a physiologically tolerated acid or base.

9. (previously amended) An oral dosage form preparation as claimed in claim 7, which comprises as active ingredients food supplements or additives, vitamins, minerals or trace elements or active pharmaceutical ingredients.

10. (previously amended) An oral dosage form preparation as claimed in claim 7, which comprises active pharmaceutical ingredients as active ingredients.

11. (previously amended) An oral dosage form preparation as claimed in claim 7, which comprises as active ingredient acetaminophen, ibuprofen, naproxen, chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, acetylsalicylic acid, loperamide, pseudoephedrine, diphenhydramine, famotidine, cimetidine, ranitidine, nizatidine, salts or combinations thereof.

12. (previously amended) A taste-masked oral dosage form obtainable by compression of at least one preparation as claimed in claim 7 with conventional tablet excipients.

13. (original) A taste-masked oral dosage form as claimed in claim 12, wherein from 0 to 40% of a physiologically tolerated acid or base are added to the tablet mixture.

14. (canceled)